

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the month of July, 1949.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 2/9/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1949 was estimated to be 525,857, comprising 269,912 Males and 255,945 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	JUNE		Six Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	393	361	2,590	2,723
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.03	8.56	9.93	10.69
Births.....No.	1,125	1,054	6,582	6,365
*Rate per 1000 of Population	25.86	24.99	25.23	25.00
Deaths.....No.	427	456	2,264	2,270
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.82	10.81	8.68	8.91
Infant Mortality.....No.	23	30	181	169
Rate per 1000 Live Births	20.44	28.46	27.50	26.55
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	11	15	62	84
Cancer	65	57	332	324
Influenza	2	1	7	1
Diphtheria	1	1	3	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	37	35	210	199
Arteriosclerosis	9	13	86	69
Diseases of the Heart	140	144	668	646
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	23	31	116	140
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	1	2	25	11
Nephritis	19	13	61	81
Diseases of Early Infancy	16	18	107	97
Senility	5	7	41	34
Accidents	19	29	137	147
All Other Causes	79	90	409	433
TOTAL	427	456	2,264	2,270

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July totalled 338,389 acres, a decrease of 211,757 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,305,007 acres, a decrease of 1,637,669 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£ 1,501,511	£ 1,356,597	£ 20,560,646	£ 17,710,310
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£2.16. 7.	£2.12. 7.	£39. 7. 0.	£34.16. 1.
Expenditure	£ 1,664,610	£ 1,698,469	£ 21,377,907	£ 18,062,392
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3. 2. 9.	£3. 5.10.	£40.18. 4.	£35. 9.11.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 31st July amounted to £37,792,623 or £71. 3. 3d. per head of population as against £36,123,596 or £69.19. 9d. per head as at the 31st July last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 27th July, 1949 amounted to £6,001,978 compared with £5,214,198 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No.	1,628	1,608	19,436	17,371
	£	982,088	898,414	11,477,590	9,392,664
Mortgages	No.	913	904	10,567	10,587
	£	1,038,228	930,602	10,419,810	10,203,459
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	820	919	10,042	10,419

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
<u>1948 -</u>				
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
<u>1949 -</u>				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
April	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391
May	1,531,002	996,629	4,517,890	184,882
June	1,903,149	1,244,920	4,520,502	195,347
July	1,700,189	1,043,068	4,188,802	177,441

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

11 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £360,000 and 8 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 21 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £477,000 and 7 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Month of July					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	1	201	-	3	1,458	46
Deeds of Assignment(a)	2	5,153	3,564	1	737	400
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

		JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£	408,444	344,896	5,214,844	4,598,896
Working Expenses (a)	£	578,643	542,278	6,702,254	5,570,000
Train Miles Run	No.	558,054	581,870	7,036,521	7,266,209
Passenger Journeys (a)	No.	1,166,009	1,353,282	12,979,098	14,044,299
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		193,072	204,791	2,573,964	2,700,097
Livestock		8,737	9,871	162,756	157,476
Departmental (Free Freight)		47,493	37,543	592,360	545,233
Total		249,302	252,205	3,329,080	3,402,806
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		27,550,789	30,900,318	373,178,760	396,765,871
Livestock		970,384	1,462,456	20,345,995	19,222,313
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,096,350	5,925,922	89,910,286	86,007,786
Total		35,617,523	38,288,696	483,435,041	501,995,970

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
1949 -								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179
June	277	94	5	85	415	191	7	112

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
January	23,572	11,087	332	6,098	37,483	35,130	570	9,629
February	23,672	11,103	335	6,213	38,241	36,351	594	9,938
March	23,809	11,147	337	6,277	38,940	37,239	598	10,191
April	23,830	11,169	343	6,315	38,968	37,026	610	10,365
May	24,018	11,243	344	6,346	39,559	37,515	624	10,542
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for
June, 1949 - 130 Cars; 567 Wagons, Vans, etc.;
6 Buses and 2 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, June 1949 and 1948 and 12 Months
ending June, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE		JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Oversea	£A,000 2,210	£A,000 1,529	£A,000 22,038	£A,000 17,155	£A,000 2,923	£A,000 2,384	£A,000 51,975	£A,000 49,910
Interstate	2,522	2,555	30,591	25,665	506	551	4,775	5,821
TOTAL	4,732	4,064	52,629	42,820	3,429	2,935	56,750	55,731

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
ear 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
ear 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
ear 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1948 -										
une Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
1949 -										
une Qr.	194	161	606	833	13	64	88	199	901	1,257

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
ear 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
ear 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
ear 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1948 - une Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
1949 - une Qr.	367	554	57	48	361	373	13	14	798	989

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,015,637 lbs. were produced during June, 1949 and 15,581,226 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1949, as against 1,048,625 lbs. and 15,815,951 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JULY		7 Months ended JULY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	48,832	89,085	378,644	389,909
Value (Aust. Currency) £	525,550	958,776	4,075,146	4,196,404

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July, 1949, amounted to £303,021. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £324,941.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	JULY		7 Months ended JULY		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1459	1262	1406	1215	1406	1238	1336	1204
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1593	1402	1547	1357	1498	1342	1434	1310
Northam	1480	1287	1427	1235	1419	1248	1344	1213
Bunbury	1467	1271	1416	1221	1421	1249	1350	1216
Geraldton	1496	1295	1443	1245	1472	1300	1403	1265
Collie	1485	1279	1428	1230	1353	1191	1287	1158

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

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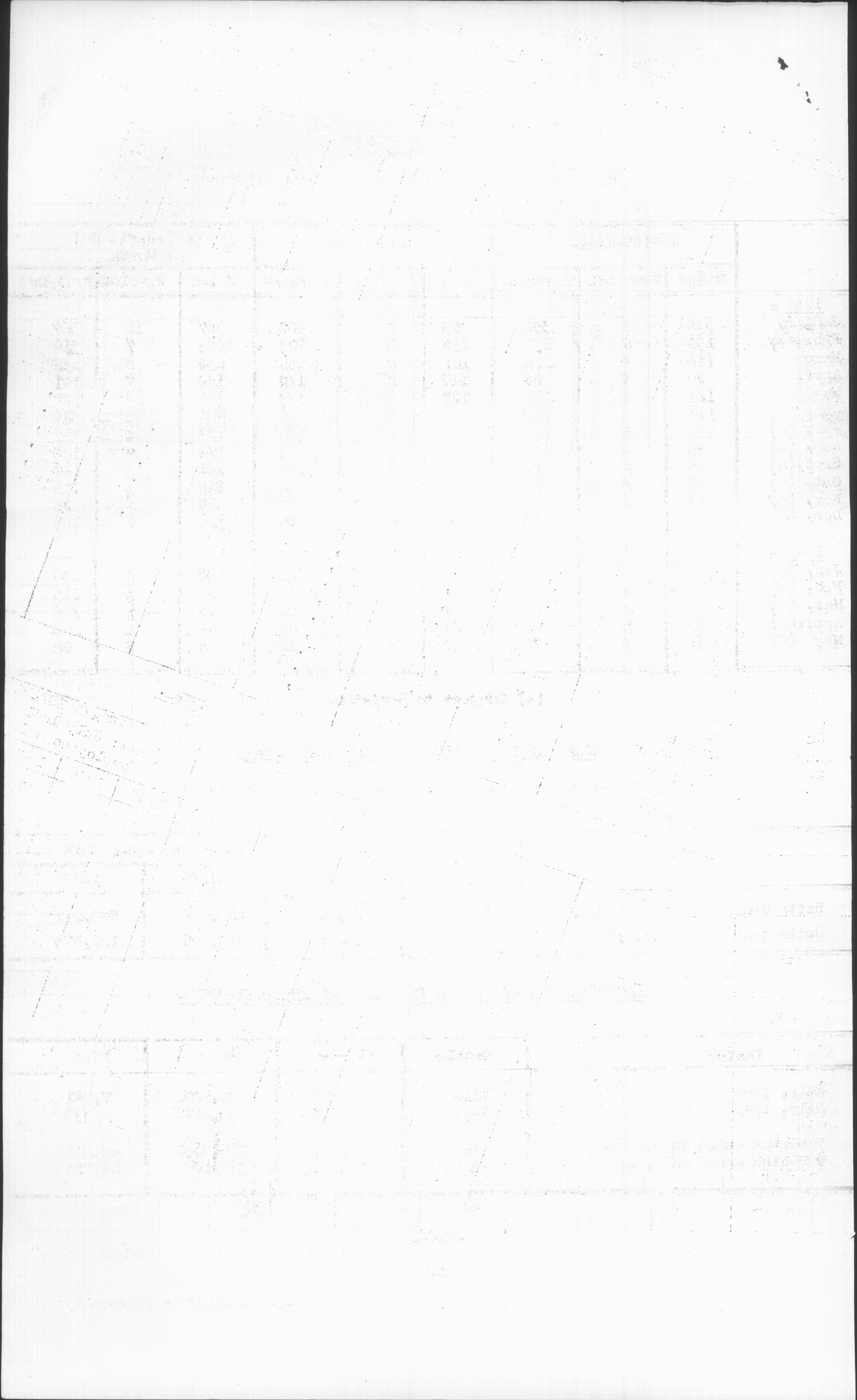
Month	1948			1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	106,732	36,366	143,098	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	106,519	36,527	143,046	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	107,574	36,832	144,406	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147	113,010	37,928	150,938
July	109,375	37,154	146,529			
August	108,611	37,073	145,684			
September	109,416	37,224	146,640			
October	110,240	37,592	147,832			
November	111,010	37,704	148,714			
December	111,491	38,015	149,506			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177	178	903	1087	1153	1277	1362
July	146	157	167	177(a)		899	1096	1168	1301	
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
<u>1949 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95
May (a)	34	3	37	39	3	42	86	4	90

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	9,245	20,416	220,686	223,961
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	8,342	16,855	187,682	191,473

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
July, 1949	15,962	394	38,857	7,041
July, 1948	16,163	592	49,427	9,330
7 Months ended July, 1949	63,974	2,720	388,400	62,011
7 Months ended July, 1948	63,360	2,119	344,530	64,754

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